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Chair Atterbeary and Members of the House Ways and Means Committee House Office Building, Room 131 6 Bladen Street Annapolis, MD 21401

**RE: HB432-SUPPORT** 

Dear Chair Atterbeary and Members of the House Ways and Means Committee,

On behalf of HBO, I am writing to express support for House Bill 432. HBO has a long and positive history working in Maryland producing movies and television series such as "The Wire," "Game Change," "The Corner," "Something the Lord Made," "Washingtonian," "Shot in the Heart," "VEEP" and most recently, "We Own This City."

HBO makes location decisions based on resources, creative, and financial considerations. Our relationship with Maryland's diverse crew, talent and landscape bring us back over and over.

The challenge we frequently find is that Maryland's film incentive program has been very limited with regard to annual available tax credits. By expanding the available credits from \$12 million to \$25 million then to \$50 million as HB 432 proposes, would create more opportunity for us to bring additional projects to Maryland and expanding the state's job opportunities and economic benefits.

We respectfully thank you for your consideration and ask for your support of HB432 at the levels introduced.

Sincerely,

Jay Roewe

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